

IN THE ABSTRACT

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An electric motor includes carbon brushes (5) disposed in a holder (6) that are pressed by means of a spring force (7) in a radial direction against a jacket face of a cylindrical collector (4) that is fixed to an armature shaft (2) of the motor. The holder (6) for the carbon brushes (5) can be removed from the motor with little effort as a result of a provision of covering means (11, 12) that cover a pivot bearing (3) of the armature shaft (2) to protect it against the entry of dirt on a side of the covering means (11, 12) facing the holder (6) for the carbon brushes (5), provided with one or more chamfers (14, 15) in such a way that the carbon brushes (5) slide over the covering means (11, 12) as the holder (6) is being pulled off and that the carbon brushes (5) thereby are thrust radially outward counter to the spring force (7).